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SUBJ: YOUTH POLICY - EAST BERLIN FESTIVAL

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1. APPROXIMATELY 250 CHILEANS ATTENDING EAST BERLIN YOUTH FESTIVAL. ACCORDING TO MARXIST PRESS, 65 PERCENT OF DELEGATION MADE UP OF YOUTH INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL WORKERS CHOSEN FOR EXEMPLARY WORK HABITS AND STAKHANOVIAN PRODUCTION. DELEGATION ALSO CONSISTS OF LARGE GROUP CHILEAN PERFORMERS AND SOME WELL-KNOWN, BUT NOT NECESSARILY VERY IMPORTANT, YOUNG MARXIST POLITICAL LEADERS. HEAD OF DELEGATION IS GLADYS MARIN, PARLIAMENTARIAN AND SECRETARY-GENERAL OF COMMUNIST YOUTH. LEADING SOCIALIST (PS) GROUP IS MANUEL RODRIGUEZ ALSO PARLIAMENTARIAN AND SUBSECRETARY GENERAL PS YOUTH.

2. REFTEL REPORTED POSSIBILITY POPULAR UNITY (UP) ORGANIZERS MIGHT SEEK OPPOSITION-CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS (PDC) REPRESENTATION IN DELEGATION TO PROMOTE "PLURALISTIC" IMAGE. ACCORDING TO CHIEF PDC YOUTH INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HIS PARTY WAS OFFERED FIFTY BERTHS BUT TURNED THEM DOWN WHEN IT BECAME UNSURPRISINGLY APPARENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT UP WOULD NOT GIVE PDC VETO POWER IN DETERMINING DELEGATION'S

POSITIONS AT CONFERENCE. UP DID HOWEVER FIND ONE OR MORE PDC MEMBERS WILLING TO TRADE PARTY LOYALTY FOR TRIP TO EUROPE. THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL REPORTEDLY BE EXPELLED FROM PARTY UPON THEIR RETURN. SAME SOURCE STATES THAT WITH EXCEPTION OF URUGUAY NO LATIN AMERICAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS WILL ATTEND FESTIVAL.

3. COMMENT: FESTIVAL HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY IN MARXIST PRESS AND CHILEAN DELEGATION FULLY EXPECTS PLAY ROLE OF MUCH-WOOED VEDETTE. PRELIMINARY PRESS REPORTS INDICATED POSSIBILITY ROLANDO CALDERON, ANIBAL PALMA AND OTHER HIGH RANKING UP POLITICAL FIGURES MIGHT ATTEND FESTIVAL. THEY, HOWEVER, APPARENTLY CHOSE TO REMAIN CLOSE TO HOME. DAVIS

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